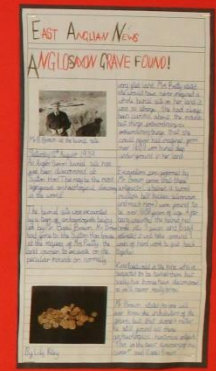
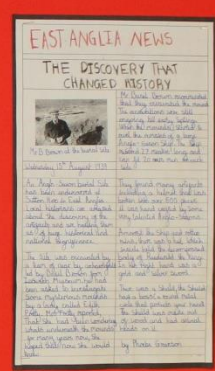
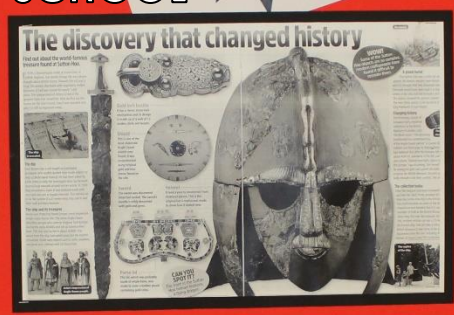
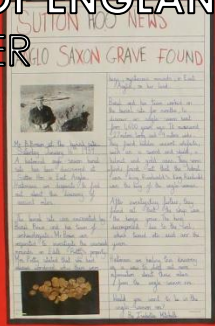


Breaking News

GARSTANG ST THOMAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HANDWRITING FORTNIGHT

Do you know that it's still handwriting fortnight? We've been continuing working on our handwriting and presentation. Daily awards are being given out and there will be awards for most improved and 'amazing all the time' next week. It's been great to see how hard the children have been working on their handwriting and presentation. 😊

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening is due to take place on the 2nd and 3rd of March. We are planning to invite parents/carers back into school. Bookings will take place electronically - information will be sent out in next week's newsletter. There will be an opportunity to take part remotely for those isolating/ who prefer that option.

SPORTS KITS SPONSORSHIP

A huge thank you to our sponsors for our new sports kits. The kits have just arrived – we look forward to wearing them to lots of future competitions and sports events. A huge thank to you to:

- SousvideTools.com
- Skiddle
- The Uniform and Leisurewear Company

PTFA IS BACK!

We're pleased to announce that the PTFA is starting full operation again. More information soon – watch this space.

REV. MICHAEL HUTCHINSON INDUCTION

Rev. Michael has now been inducted and is now the vicar of the parish. He will be joining us shortly in school leading worship and being a governor at our school. Welcome Rev. Michael!

PRE-SCHOOL PLACES

Are you interested in a pre-school place for your child on or after September 2022? We are planning pre-school provision at our school from September. If you are interested, please complete the form: [Pre-school form](#).

Alternatively, please contact Rachel Whittaker on 01995 603454 or e-mail: admin@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk

We are now consulting on lowering the school age to create high quality teacher-led early years provision in the annex building on our school site. To view the proposal, please click [here](#).

Friday 4th February 2022
Worship: St Francis (Respect)

DIARY DATES

- Fri 4th Feb:** Y6 Clitheroe Castle visit
- Tue 8th Feb:** Safer Internet Day
- Mon 14th – Fri 18th Feb:** Half term week
- Mon 21st Feb:** Fairtrade Fortnight assembly
- Fri 25th Feb:** Y1 class assembly (parents/carers welcome) 9-9:20am
- Mon 28th Feb:** Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire due to visit for tree planting and assembly
- Wed 2nd & Thu 3rd Mar:** Parents' evening
- Fri 4th Mar:** World Book Day – children are welcome to come dressed as a book character (please note this is a day after the official WBD)
- Fri 1st April:** Final day of term before Easter break

STAR OF THE WEEK

- ★ FRANK SOUTHWELL
- ★ LUCY BENNETT
- ★ ELLIE RILEY
- ★ DANIEL SHANNON
- ★ LARA MITCHELL
- ★ AMELIA ROSE MARTIN
- ★ HARRY FLINT
- ★ EMELIA DICK
- ★ ALEX WALTON
- ★ REUBEN BRAY
- ★ ANGEL HOYLE
- ★ EWAN LIVINGSTONE
- ★ JOSHUA BILLINGTON
- ★ HARRY KAY

- MARWEN MONTORIO-GREENHALGH
- JOHN MILLS
- WILLIAM SPICER

- BREAKFAST CLUB- OLIVE ORMEROD
- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB- ALICE BATEMAN
- BE THE CHANGE:
HARVEY MCQUILTON-HULL

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CAN YOU HELP MARNIE RAISE MONEY FOR BLISS?

Marnie (Y4) and her mum are raising money to help babies who are born prematurely or poorly and their families. Can you help support this charity? See information below from Marnie and Nadine:

1 in every 7 babies born in the UK will need specialist neonatal care. Bliss is the leading UK charity for babies born premature or sick. We are completing 2,000 Squats in February for Bliss (approx. 72 a day 🤔😬), and would love if you could sponsor us as we take on this challenge. Your donations will help Bliss give support to the 100,000 babies that will be born needing neonatal care from UK hospitals in 2022.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/336291268311512/>

GARSTANG LIBRARY UPDATE

Garstang Library has reopened after building works to make it more environmentally friendly. We're holding activities and events again, as well as providing free access to books and a wide range of digital resources. Joining the library is free and you can join at any age. Join us every Saturday morning for Saturday Stories, Lego Club and Board games 10am-12noon. Celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 7th-12th February by adding to our tree of happiness and find out about how reading can support the mental health and wellbeing of children. Start a reading diary today and become part of the Lancashire Reading Trail to earn special character cards and reach the dragon's lair where you will find a prize awaits you!

For pre-school aged children, join us at:

- Baby Bounce and Rhyme Monday and Friday 10-10:30am
- Toddler Rhyme Time Tuesday 2-2:30pm
- Story Time Friday 2-2:30pm

REMINDER: FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The Garstang Fairtrade Steering Group are organising a children's trail on the morning of Saturday 19th February, 10am to 12 noon. Children should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Entry forms can be collected from the Arts Centre on that morning. The trail involves gathering information from posters displayed in the windows of shops and premises in the centre of Garstang. They are mainly on the High Street, with a few close by. It will not be necessary to enter the shops in order to find the information. Completed sheets are to be returned to the Fairtrade stall at the Arts Centre; all entries will receive a small Fairtrade gift and will be entered into a draw to win a Fairtrade prize.



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